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- 1. BECAUSE OF ID HOLIDAY, APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD OR PRINCE FAHD WILL PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT PRIOR TO SATURDAY (NOV 26) AT EARLIEST, AND WE IMMEDIATELY ANTICIPATE FIRST QUESTION WILL BE WHAT COMMITMENT WILL U.S. MAKE TO FURTHER COMMON PURPOSE OF MINIMIZING OR ELIMINATING EXPANSION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN ADEN. SECOND QUESTION WILL BE WHAT HAVE WE DONE WITH RESPECT TO HORN OF AFRICA AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT IS OUR GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO SAUDI REQUEST FOR RE-EVALUATION OF ARMS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA.
- 2. WE FEEL MEETING WILL BE MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE IF WE CAN SPEAK WITH SOME SPECIFICS ON THESE TWO ITEMS.
- 3. IF U.S. IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT, WE FEEL A PRESENTATION TO PRINCE SAUD IS APPROPRIATE; IF ANY SUBSTANTIAL COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE, THEN WE FEEL THAT AN AUDIENCE WITH PRINCE FAHD WOULD BE SECRET

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